

Year **1488** (**MCDLXXXVIII**) was a [leap year](#) starting on [Tuesday](#) (link will display the full calendar) of the [Julian calendar](#).

Events

January–December

- [January 8](#) – The [Royal Netherlands Navy](#) is formed, by the decree of Maximillian of Austria.
- [February 3](#) – [Bartolomeu Dias](#) of Portugal lands in [Mossel Bay](#), after rounding the [Cape of Good Hope](#) at the tip of Africa, becoming the first known European to travel this far south, and entering the [Indian Ocean](#).
- [February 28](#) – [Choe Bu](#) (1454–1504), the Korean Commissioner of Registers for the island of [Cheju](#), shipwrecks on the south east coast of China in [Taizhou](#), [Zhejiang](#), during the [Ming Dynasty](#). From then until [July 12](#), he and his crew are hosted by Chinese military courier officers to travel along the [Grand Canal of China](#), all the way to [Beijing](#), and then finally back across the [Yalu River](#) into Korea. His written commentary on Chinese customs, foreign and domestic trade, and transport in places such as [Hangzhou](#) and [Suzhou](#), are valuable records of Ming era culture and commerce.
- [June 11](#) – [Battle of Sauchieburn](#): [James IV of Scotland](#) becomes king.
- [July 28](#) – [Battle of Saint-Aubin-du-Cormier](#): Troops loyal to King [Charles VIII of France](#) defeat rebel forces, led by the [Dukes of Orleans](#) and [Brittany](#), in the main engagement of the [Mad War](#).
- [September 9](#) – [Anne of Brittany](#) becomes [Duchess of Brittany](#) at the age of 11. Her marriage to King [Charles VIII](#) in [1491](#) effectively ends Breton independence from France.

Date unknown

- [Jasper Tudor](#), 1st Duke of Bedford, takes possession of [Cardiff Castle](#).
- [Michelangelo Buonarroti](#) becomes apprentice to [Domenico Ghirlandaio](#).
- The city of [Bikaner](#) in western India is founded by [Rao Bika](#).

Millennium:	2nd millennium
Centuries:	14th century · 15th century · 16th century
Decades:	1460s · 1470s · 1480s · 1490s · 1500s
Years:	1485 · 1486 · 1487 · 1488 · 1489 · 1490 · 1491

1488 in various calendars	
Gregorian calendar	1488 <i>MCDLXXXVIII</i>
Ab urbe condita	2241
Armenian calendar	937 ԹՎ ՋԼԷ
Assyrian calendar	6238
Balinese saka calendar	1409–1410
Bengali calendar	895
Berber calendar	2438
English Regnal year	3 Hen. 7 – 4 Hen. 7
Buddhist calendar	2032
Burmese calendar	850
Byzantine calendar	6996–6997
Chinese calendar	丁未年 (Fire Goat) 4184 or 4124 <i>— to —</i> 戊申年 (Earth Monkey) 4185 or 4125
Coptic calendar	1204–1205
Discordian	2654

- *Rathbornes Candles* is established in Dublin; the company is still be trading in the 21st century.

Births

- January 6 – Helius Eobanus Hessus, German Latin poet (d. 1540)
- January 20
 - John George, Marquess of Montferrat, Italian noble (d. 1533)
 - Sebastian Münster, German scholar, cartographer, and cosmographer (d. 1552)
- March 19 – Johannes Magnus, last Catholic Archbishop of Sweden (d. 1544)
- April 16 – Jungjong of Joseon (d. 1544)
- April 21 – Ulrich von Hutten, German religious reformer (d. 1523)
- May 1 – Sidonie of Bavaria, eldest daughter of Duke Albrecht IV of Bavaria-Munich (d. 1505)
- May 5 – Lê Uy Múc, 8th king of the later Lê dynasty of Vietnam (d. 1509)
- May 7 – John III of the Palatinate, Administrator of the Bishopric of Regensburg (d. 1538)
- June – Heinrich Glarean, Swiss music theorist (d. 1563)
- June 29 – Pedro Pacheco de Villena, Spanish Catholic cardinal (d. 1560)
- July 15 – Juan Álvarez de Toledo, Spanish Catholic cardinal (d. 1557)
- October 17 – Ursula of Brandenburg, Duchess consort of Mecklenburg-Schwerin (d. 1510)
- December 1 – Elisabeth of Nassau-Dillenburg, Countess of Wied, German noblewoman (d. 1559)
- December 15 – Ferdinand, Duke of Calabria (d. 1550)
- *date unknown*
 - Rabbi Yosef Karo, Spanish Jewish scholar (d. 1575)
 - Oswald Myconius, Swiss religious reformer (d. 1552)
 - Jan Tarnowski, Polish nobleman (d. 1561)
 - Thomas of Villanova, Spanish bishop (d. 1555)
 - Gustav Trolle, Archbishop of Uppsala (d. 1533)
- *probable*
 - Thomas Audley, 1st Baron Audley of Walden, Lord Chancellor of England (d. 1544)
 - Guillaume Gouffier, seigneur de Bonnivet, French soldier (d. 1525)
 - Myles Coverdale, English Bible translator (d. 1568)
 - Lütfi Pasha, Ottoman statesman (d. 1564)

calendar	
Ethiopian calendar	1480–1481
Hebrew calendar	5248–5249
Hindu calendars	
- <i>Vikram Samvat</i>	1544–1545
- <i>Shaka Samvat</i>	1409–1410
- <i>Kali Yuga</i>	4588–4589
Holocene calendar	11488
Igbo calendar	488–489
Iranian calendar	866–867
Islamic calendar	893–894
Japanese calendar	Chōkyō 2 (長享2年)
Javanese calendar	1404–1405
Julian calendar	1488 <i>MCDLXXXVIII</i>
Korean calendar	3821
Minguo calendar	424 before ROC 民前424年
Nanakshahi calendar	20
Thai solar calendar	2030–2031
Tibetan calendar	阴火羊年 (female Fire-Goat) 1614 or 1233 or 461 — <i>to</i> — 阳土猴年 (male Earth-Monkey) 1615 or 1234 or 462

Deaths

- April 1 – John II, Duke of Bourbon (b. 1426)
- April 14 – Girolamo Riario, Lord of Imola and Forlì (b. 1443)
- May 9 – Frederick I of Liegnitz, Duke of Chojnów and Strzelin from 1453 (b. 1446)
- June 11 – King James III of Scotland (at the Battle of Sauchieburn; b. c. 1451)
- July 18 – Alvise Cadamosto, Italian explorer (b. 1432)
- July 28 – Edward Woodville, Lord Scales (at the Battle of St. Aubin-du-Cormier; b. c. 1456)
- July 30 – Clarice Orsini, Florentine noblewoman and wife of Lorenzo de' Medici (b. 1453)
- September – Abu 'Amr 'Uthman, Hafsīd caliph of Ifriqiya (b. 1419)
- September 9 – Francis II, Duke of Brittany (fell from a horse) (b. 1433)
- September 13 – Charles II, Duke of Bourbon (b. 1434)
- *date unknown*
 - Mary Stewart, Countess of Arran (b. 1453)
 - Izasa Ienao, Japanese swordsman (b. c. 1387)
 - Andrea del Verrocchio, Italian sculptor (b. c. 1435)

References

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